

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2351 - HB 2151

February 16, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the criminal justice reform council with the purpose of reviewing issues of criminal justice in Tennessee, such as pretrial release, reentry programs, probation and parole reform, and community based corrections. The council is comprised of 21 members with representatives from the District Public Defenders Conference, District Attorneys General Conference, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Administrative Office of the Courts, Department of Correction, Department of Safety, Board of Parole, General Assembly, Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Tennessee Consultation on Criminal Justice, Tennessee Sheriffs' Association, Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, Attorney General, Post-Conviction Defender, and the Tennessee State Employees Association.

Only 11 members of the council need to be present to constitute a quorum. The council must meet three times in each grand division, for a total of nine meetings, beginning May 1, 2014. The council must prepare a report on the activities of the council, its findings, and its recommendations. The council shall transmit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by May 1, 2015 at which time it will cease to exist.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$17,700/ FY14-15

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation directs that members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services from public funds. Accordingly, the state employees that will serve on the council will not receive travel reimbursement.
- By law, however, members of the General Assembly are required to be paid for their service as an elected member of the General Assembly. Six members of the General Assembly will serve on the council.
- The cost for six members from the General Assembly to attend a meeting of the council is \$1,968 [(\$188 per diem + \$140 mileage for each member) x 6 members]. The total cost is \$17,712 (\$1,968 reimbursement x 9 meetings per year).
- The first meeting of the council will not occur until July 1, 2014, and all reimbursement costs will be incurred in FY14-15.
- It is assumed that the representatives from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association will not require significant travel

reimbursement.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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